(b) Month-wise LPG production by PSU and private sector for the year 2002-2003 is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The quantity of domestic LPG sold during the year 2002-2003 was 7819 TMT.

Statement

Sector-wise LPG Production for 2002-2003

	PSU	Private	Total
April	352	201	553
May	404	209	613
June	401	205	606
July	424	198	622
August	413	198	611
September	403	201	604
October	427	207	634
November	416	159	575
December	430	104	434
January	455	209	664
February	420	199	619
March	450	208	658
TOTAL	4995	2298	7293

Proposal to raise LPG/kerosene prices

1739. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil companies have proposed to Government to raise the LPG and Kerosene oil prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) With the dismantling of Administered Pricing

Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector effective 1st April 2002, the Government subsidies on domestic LPG and PDS Kerosene are on flat rate basis. The changes in the consumer prices of these products, after taking into account the flat rate of subsidy, are to be made by the Oil Marketing Companies.

Categorisation of consumers

†1740. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RAJNAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have categorised the consumers of the country for the sale of LPG and Kerosene oil;

(b) if so, the categories of such consumers;

(c) the quantity and average sale price of LPG and Kerosene Oil sold to the consumers of each category during the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) the criteria adopted for fixing the price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The consumers of LPG are divided between Domestic and non-Domestic category. Similarly consumers of SKO are divided between PDS and non-PDS categories.

(c) and (d) As per the information available, category-wise SKO and LPG sales of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 are as under:—

SKO (Figures in TMT)

Year	PDS	Non-PDS	Total
2000-01	10,544	136	10,680
2001-02	9,969	125	10,094
2002-03	9,550	131	9,681

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.